

## COMING UP...

Sign up sheets at back of church...

### 1. Advent Course - week commencing 27 Nov

- ◆ Tuesday 2.30-4pm at the home of Ann J (max 6)
- ◆ Wednesday 7.30-9.30pm in small hall
- ◆ Friday 10.30am-12noon in Choir Vestry

### 2. Advent Carol Service Sunday 3 December 6pm

- ◆ Readers and an Intercessor required

**3. Christmas Crib in the High Street:** Churches Together in Poole are once again planning to invite shoppers to stop for a moment to look at the Crib and light a candle over two Saturdays before Christmas. St. George's will be taking care of the crib on Saturday 16th December from 10am-12pm outside The Spire in Poole High Street. Four volunteers are needed for each one hour session. Please sign up or speak to Penny if you can help for one or both hours.

4. There has recently been some interest in starting a Toddler Group here at St George's. Please sign up at the back of church if you or someone you know might be interested. All being well we would hope to start in the New Year.

**Monday 20th November - Messy Church 3.30 to 5.15—This month's theme is "Joseph"**



**Tuesday 21st November 7.30pm- PCC Meeting**

If you have items to raise with the PCC please let Penny or Sue C know in writing today.

**Saturday 25th November - Christmas Fayre**  
**Donations please for Tombola/ Raffle Prizes/ Fancy Goods/Books and Games/Teddys/Toys/ Wine.** Please take donations to church office before Friday. (Cakes on the day please.)

Thank you to everyone who has offered help so far, could we also ask if anyone's free to serve teas/ coffees for a one hour slot on the day? Please speak to Jo Barton or Sue Phillips.



**Wednesday 6th December - Café Church 2-4pm**

## THIS WEEK...

### Sunday 19 November - 2 before Advent

**8.30am** Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel  
**10am** Holy Communion and Zoom  
**JaM** in small hall  
 Prayer Ministry after 10am service



### Monday 20 November

Please pray for Messy Monday.  
 Willis Way Industrial Estate  
**2.30-6.30 Messy Church** in the large hall  
**7.30pm Bell Ringers practice**

### Tuesday 21 November

Please pray for wisdom of decisions at St George's PCC meeting.  
 Wilmur Crescent and Wimborne Road  
**2-4 pm Autumn Club** in the small hall  
**7.30- 9.30 pm PCC** in the small hall

### Wednesday 22 November

**10am Holy Communion in The Lady Chapel**  
 Please pray for support for the planned toddler group  
 Wingfield Avenue and Worgret Road  
**2-4pm Knit & Natter** in the large hall.  
**6.30pm Choir Practice**

### Thursday 23 November

Please pray for all who have a physical disability.  
 Worshippers at St Paul's and Christ Church

### Friday 24 November

Please pray for a charity that you support  
 St George's worshippers living outside the parish

### Saturday 25 November

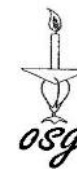
Please pray for St George's Christmas Fayre and services this weekend  
 Holiday visitors worshipping with us  
**10am-1pm Christmas Fayre**  
**9am Prayers for the Parish 2023 on Zoom.**  
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### Sunday 26 November - Christ the King

**8.30am** Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel  
**10am** Alltogether Morning Worship in the church

**Readings: Ephesians 1. 15-23**  
**Matthew 25. 31-46**



## THIS WEEK AT OAKDALE ST GEORGE

**Sunday 19 November**  
**2 before Advent**

*This week's 'Dear Friends' has been written by Tom as John is unwell and unable to be with us today. Penny is back from leave and will be leading the services.*

Dear Friends

The terrible consequences of the wars in the Middle East and the Ukraine are a reminder of how difficult life gets when just a few people decide to exercise their power in a violent and destructive way, to bring about change.

The political turmoil in our country is another reminder of how delicate our democratic system of government is when the use of condemnatory language becomes a weapon for change.

Our Gospel reading this Sunday is about using our God given talents. These are not the same for everyone, but with wisdom, a sense of purpose, and gratitude to the one who made us with our particular gifts, we can help to improve the world in which we live. Our Saviour uses the metaphor of money to make the point, but this message is about positive change, and added value, coming about because we are willing to participate in Gods plan.

Blessings

*Tom*

	Please do stay in touch
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## Collect

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## 1 Thessalonians 5.1–11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

## Matthew 25.14–30

'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you

have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

## Post Communion

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

**Prayer:** Please pray for...

**Worldwide:** The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)

**Diocese:** Ridgeway, Marlborough Deanery

**Local:** Whitehorse Drive and Wellow Gardens

**Immediate Prayer:** Mandy Barrington, Janet Crabb, Ray Durman, Roger and Carole Philpott, Carrie Spencer, Beverley, Chris, Jean, Laura

**Continuous Prayer:** Jo Carry, June Chappell, Hazel Day, Barbara Fairbrother, Paul Fairbrother, Reenie Flay, Sarah Fowler, Richard Glynn, Ann Johnson, Jim L, Margaret Macfarlane, Beverley Mitchell, Susan Mort, Robert Nauta, Sandy Primrose, Julia Stokes, Dorothy, Hilary, Julie, Kezia, Lorraine, Melanie, Merle, Mick

Also we remember those who have died recently

**RIP Jim Moore** and those whose anniversaries fall at this time: **Ann Rigden, Gordon Elsworth, Leonard Briers**



**Pat Friend** would like to say thank you for all the cards and kind thoughts following her recent mishap and hospital stay. She is now back home and recovering well.



**St George's Church,  
Darbys Lane, Oakdale**

**Saturday 25th November 2023**

**10.00am—1pm**

**Entry: Adults £1, to include a hot  
drink and biscuit.**

**Free entry for children!**



Games



Gifts

**Hidden Voices Choir Parkinsons UK**


Performing from 11.30

**Festive Food**

**Book Stall**

**Christmas Stalls**



<b>Shopping list:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Tinned beef (minced/stewed)</li><li>Tinned corned beef,</li><li>Tinned chicken in white sauce</li><li>Tinned veg / fruit</li><li>Breakfast cereal</li><li>Squash</li><li>Crisps</li><li>UHT milk</li><li>Washing up liquid</li></ul>	<b>Food Poverty Appeal</b> <b>£5 per month can support a family in need.</b> Financial donations <b>Poole Foodbank</b> CAF Bank Account Sort code: 40-52-40, Account no: 00034948 <b>Thank you!</b>	
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